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Legend:

Taxpayer A =

IRA B =

Financial Institution C =

Amount 1 =

Dear :

This letter is in response to a request for a letter ruling dated May 17, 2011, as supplemented by additional information dated July 5, and August 9, 2011, in which you request a waiver of the 60-day rollover requirement contained in section 408(d)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code ("Code").

The following facts and representations have been submitted under penalty of perjury in support of the ruling requested:

Taxpayer A, age 5 , at the time of the distribution of Amount 1 from IRA B, asserts that his failure to accomplish a rollover of Amount 1 within the 60-day period prescribed by section 408(d)(3) was due to his misunderstanding concerning the 60-day period which led to him applying for a waiver of the 60-day period before the actual 60-day period had expired. A check totaling Amount 1 remains in Taxpayer's office and has not been used for any purpose.

Taxpayer A maintained IRA B, an individual retirement account, under section 408(a) of the Code, with Financial Institution C. On March 14, 20 , Taxpayer A, seeking to modify his retirement plan investments, requested a distribution from IRA B. Approximately a week later (on or around March 21, 20), he received a check, dated March 15, 20 , totaling Amount 1 and he placed the check in a safe in his office. Taxpayer A represents that he believed he had 60-days from the date of the check, March 15, 20 , to complete the rollover, i.e. May 14, 20 .

During this same period, Taxpayer A represents that his duties were expanded which led to him working approximately 90 hours per week for most of the 60-day period. Taxpayer A represents he experienced extreme fatigue during this period and it was not until close to the end of the 60-day period, that he realized he had not completed the rollover.

On May 17, 20 , believing his deadline for completing the rollover was May 14, 20 , rather than May 20, 20 , i.e. 60-days from the date received, Taxpayer A decided to request a waiver of the 60-day period and his request for a waiver was received by the Service on May 19, 20 , one day before the expiration of the 60-day period.

Based on the above facts and representations, you request that the Internal Revenue Service ("Service") waive the 60-day rollover requirement contained in section 408(d)(3) of the Code with respect to the distributions of Amount 1.

Section 408(d)(1) of the Code provides that, except as otherwise provided in section 408(d) of the Code, any amount paid or distributed out of an IRA shall be included in gross income by the payee or distributee, as the case may be, in the manner provided under section 72 of the Code.

Section 408(d)(3) of the Code provides the rules applicable to IRA rollovers.

Section 408(d)(3)(A) of the Code provides that section 408(d)(1) of the Code does not apply to any amount paid or distributed out of an IRA to the individual for whose benefit the IRA is maintained if -

(i) the entire amount received (including money and any other property) is paid into an IRA for the benefit of such individual not later than the 60th day after the day on which the individual receives the payment or distribution; or

(ii) the entire amount received (including money and any other property) is paid into an eligible retirement plan (other than an IRA) for the benefit of such individual not later than the 60th day after the date on which the payment or distribution is received, except that the maximum amount which may be paid into such plan may not exceed the portion of the amount received which is includible in gross income (determined without regard to section 408(d)(3) of the Code).

Section 408(d)(3)(B) of the Code provides that section 408(d)(3) of the Code does not apply to any amount described in section 408(d)(3)(A)(i) of the Code received by an individual from an IRA if at any time during the 1-year period ending on the day of such receipt such individual received any other amount described in section 408(d)(3)(A)(i) of the Code from an IRA which was not includible in gross income because of the application of section 408(d)(3) of the Code.

Section 408(d)(3)(D) of the Code provides a similar 60-day rollover period for partial rollovers.

Section 408(d)(3)(I) of the Code provides that the Secretary may waive the 60-day requirement under sections 408(d)(3)(A) and 408(d)(3)(D) of the Code where the failure to waive such requirement would be against equity or good conscience, including casualty, disaster, or other events beyond the reasonable control of the individual subject to such requirement. Only distributions that occurred after December 31, 2001, are eligible for the waiver under section 408(d)(3)(I) of the Code.

Rev. Proc. 2003-16, 2003-4 I.R.B. 359 (January 27, 2003) provides that in determining whether to grant a waiver of the 60-day rollover requirement pursuant to sections 408(d)(3)(I) and 402(c)(3)(B) of the Code, the Service will consider all relevant facts and circumstances, including: (1) errors committed by a financial institution; (2) inability to complete a rollover due to death, disability, hospitalization, incarceration, restrictions imposed by a foreign country or postal error; (3) the use of the amount distributed (for example, in the case of payment by check, whether the check was cashed); and (4) the time elapsed since the distribution occurred.

The information presented and the documentation submitted by Taxpayer A is consistent with his assertion that his failure to accomplish a timely rollover of Amount 1 was due to his misunderstanding of the 60-day period which led him to apply for a waiver, before the 60-day period had expired.

Therefore, pursuant to section 408(d)(3)(I), the Service hereby waives the 60-day rollover requirement with respect to the distribution of Amount 1 from IRA B and Taxpayer A is granted a period of 60 days from the issuance of this letter ruling to contribute Amount 1 into a rollover IRA. Provided all other requirements of section 408(d)(3) of the Code, except the 60-day requirement, are met with respect to such contribution, Amount 1 will be considered a rollover contribution within the meaning of section 408(d)(3) of the Code.

No opinion is expressed as to the tax treatment of the transaction described herein under the provisions of any other section of either the Code or regulations which may be applicable thereto.

This letter is directed only to the taxpayer who requested it. Section 6110(k)(3) of the Code provides that it may not be used or cited as precedent.

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If you wish to inquire about this ruling, please contact
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Sincerely yours,

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